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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

ARMSTRONG IS CHOSEN HEADS THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Annual Meeting of Membership Held Last Night—Officers Chosen for Coming Year—Secretary Allen Submitted His Report—Retiring President Separk Reviews Year's Work.

Col. C. B. Armstrong as president, backed by a strong corps of officers, will lead the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce "over the top" for the next year's advance. The annual membership meeting held at the office Tuesday night was enthusiastic and harmonious. Slight changes in the by-laws, providing for increased efficiency, were adopted unanimously. President J. H. Separk presided at the meeting.

Col. Armstrong, nominated by Mr. A. G. Myers, was elected president and other officers were then chosen as follows:

First Vice-President, J. H. Kennedy.
Second Vice-President, Fred L. Smyre.
Treasurer, W. H. Adams, re-elected.

Director of Industries, W. T. Rankin.
Director of Finance and Organization, J. H. Separk.

Director of Civic Affairs, D. M. Jones.

Director of Publicity, J. W. Atkins.
Director of Conventions and Public Affairs, A. M. Dixon.

Director of Mercantile Affairs, E. N. Hahn.

Director of Traffic and Transportation, J. O. Rankin.

The retiring officers are J. H. Separk, president; A. G. Myers, first vice-president; S. A. Robinson, second vice-president; W. B. Morris, T. L. Craig, S. N. Boyce, Fred D. Barkley, J. M. Holland, J. H. Kennedy, C. B. Armstrong.

Nominations of the seven directors was reported by the nominating committee under the by-laws, consisting of Fred L. Smyre, R. Grady Rankin, Chas. Ford, J. L. Beal, and A. C. Jones. The report was adopted unanimously.

A vote of hearty appreciation and commendation was tendered the retiring administration and the secretary upon motion of Rev. J. H. Henderlite for excellent work done the past year.

Executive Secretary Fred M. Allen submitted his report which was adopted and ordered recorded.

The steering committee of the new administration was requested to consider the advisability of holding a membership spread of some kind in January and the suggestion was further made that it be a Hooverized banquet, that foodstuffs the food administration is especially endeavoring to conserve, be omitted from the menu.

President Separk in an able address reviewed the work of the year in its highest sense and especially stressed the fact that splendid harmony now reigns in the organization, that it stands united for the advancement of Gastonia. His address was to the point and eloquent and was roundly applauded.

BOLSHEVIKI AND COSSACKS CLASH

(By International News Service.)
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 19.—Severe fighting between the Bolsheviki and the Cossacks is reported from Odessa and Astrakhan. The inhabitants of Odessa are fleeing. The Cossacks are attacking Astrakhan in an effort to capture the city.

ROYAL NURSE ON DUTY



M. Justin Godart, minister of health in the French cabinet, on a tour of inspection of the allied war hospitals conversing with Princess Narishkine and the French commandant at Stocivir where the hospital founded by the princess is located.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

TWO MARRIAGES AT MOUNT HOLLY.

Rev. J. S. Hiatt, pastor of the Methodist church at Mount Holly, performed two marriage ceremonies last Saturday night. At 7 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips, he united in marriage Miss Lula Phillips and Mr. Foy Sanders, of Lincolnton. At 7:30 he united in marriage Miss Zettie Sanders and Mr. Lloyd Bialock, the ceremony being performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanders.

ELECTS NEW OFFICERS.

At a meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian church the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Miss Emma Glenn; First Vice-President, Miss Myrtle Warren; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Pearl Wilson. All committees will be appointed by these officers at some later date. On account of the hour for preaching having been moved up to seven o'clock the society will not meet again until February first. The society has had a good year and has done much good service. Under the leadership of Miss Glenn great things are expected.

SUBMARINE RAMMED AND NINETEEN LIVES LOST

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Nineteen lives were lost when the American submarine F-1 was rammaged and sunk by submarine F-3 in home waters during a fog Monday afternoon.

The F-3 was undamaged and picked up five survivors of her victim. Secretary Daniels announced the disaster late today in a brief statement which gave no further details.

Lieut. A. E. Montgomery, commanding officer of the F-1, was among the five saved.

Other survivors include: J. M. Schmissauter, machinist, Hill City, Tenn.

Henry L. Brown, gunner's mate, Macon, Ga.
The list of those lost announced by the navy department shows men to be from far western states, with the exception of two who are from Ohio and Pennsylvania.

FEDERAL TAX OFFICER TO VISIT GASTON

Collector A. D. Watts, of the Internal Revenue Department for the Western District, announces that a federal income tax officer will be in this county to assist income taxpayers with their returns without cost to them, as follows:

Gastonia, Jan. 2 to 5, inclusive; Feb. 4 to 16, inclusive.

Belmont, Jan. 7 to 8, inclusive.

Cherryville, Jan. 9 and 10.

Bessemer City, Jan. 11 and 12.

Returns of income for the year 1917 must be made on forms provided for the purpose before March 1, 1918. Because a good many people don't understand the law and won't know how to make out their returns the government is sending this officer to do it for them. But the duty is on the taxpayer to make himself known to the government. If he doesn't make return as required before March 1, he may have to pay a penalty ranging from \$20 to \$1,000, pay a fine or go to jail. So if you don't want to take chances, you should call on the income tax man. If you are not sure about being subject to the tax, better ask him and make sure. Whether you see the income tax man or not, you must make return if subject to tax.

The Collector suggests that everybody start figuring up now his income and expenses so as to be ready with the figures when officer arrives. Expenses, however, don't mean family expenses, money used to pay off the principal of a debt, new machinery, buildings, or anything like that. They mean what you spend in making your money, interest, taxes paid, hired help, amount paid for goods sold, seed, stock bought for feeding, rent (except for your dwelling), etc. Income includes about every dollar you get.

WILL INVITE THE CZAR TO LIVE IN GERMANY

(By International News Service.)
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 19.—That the Kaiser is taking a hand in the Russian peace negotiations is indicated by his inquiry about what will become of the Czar and his family if peace is concluded. It is expected they will be invited to make their home in Germany, if allowed to leave Russia. Foreign ministers Von Kuehlin, of Germany, and Czernin, of Austria, have reached Brest-Litovsk, the scene of the peace negotiations.

KAISER WILL MAKE CHRISTMAS PEACE OFFER

(By International News Service.)
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 19.—The Kaiser is preparing to send a message to the Pope at Christmas time offering to enter peace negotiations with the allies, according to information received here from Berlin. An unconfirmed report was current a week ago that the Pope would deliver a peace pronouncement to the College of Cardinals on December twenty-third.

MINERS WILL WORK THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

(By International News Service.)
INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 19.—The united mine workers, in order to meet the unprecedented demands for fuel, will keep the mines running during the holidays with the exception of Christmas day and New Years day, union headquarters announced today.

WILL BE NO LULL IN THE INVESTIGATIONS

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—With practically the entire administration under investigation the congressional recess will be the liveliest known here in a score of years. The shipping board and railroad investigations will probably not get under way until tomorrow. The investigators will sit throughout the holidays. That the Senate Committee investigating military affairs intends to delve clear to the bottom is indicated by the summoning of officials of several arms companies to testify. The committee is expected to recommend the establishment of munitions factories similar to Great Britain's. The Food Administration is fuming under the snubbing given Food Administrator Hoover by the probe committee.

KERENSKY TAKES THE FIELD AGAINST THE BOLSHEVIKI

(By International News Service.)
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 18.—Kerensky has taken the field against the Bolsheviki and is nearing Petrograd with several thousand armed men, according to a story printed in the Belginske Tidende. The Bolsheviki, in armored motor cars, are on their way to give battle.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The cotton market opened with January contracts selling at 29.28; May 28.62.

HEADS POLICEWOMEN



Dr. Valeria H. Parker of Hartford, Conn., is the first woman policeman ever to be given supervision over other state policemen in the United States. She is devoting her time to interesting thoughtless and careless girls near the military camps at New London, Conn., in recreation rooms and clubs. She has supervision over five other policewomen.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Buy each child some war savings stamps for Christmas.

—Warmer weather is predicted for tomorrow. The snow is gradually disappearing.

—Don't forget the little Red Cross Christmas Seals. Put one on each letter and parcel.

—The Cordova Concert Company, fourth Lyceum attraction, at the Central school auditorium tonight.

—Cadet Miles McAllister is at home for the holidays from Mount Pleasant Academy, near Concord.

—Mr. F. M. Francum and family will leave Friday for Butler, Tenn., to spend the holidays with relatives.

—Mr. Lester T. Lneberger, formerly of Gastonia but now living in Atlanta, spent Monday and yesterday in the city en route to Lincolnton.

—Cadets Page and Roy Morris and Moore Morrow are at home for the holidays from Fishburne Military School, Waynesboro, Va.

—Repairs have been made upon the furnace of Main Street Methodist church and the regular services will be held as usual next Sunday.

—Miss Nettie Shelton returned Saturday to her home at Winston-Salem after being the guest for several days of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hatcher.

—Mr. E. W. Gilliam leaves tomorrow for Halifax to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks. He will be joined next week by Mrs. Gilliam and their little son, Robert.

—Remember that Thursday and Friday are the days on which contributions for the poor will be received at the Chamber of Commerce by the betterment committee. It is hoped that a generous response will be made to this worthy cause.

—Dr. Ernest Hoffman, of Pittsburg, Pa., is expected to arrive this week to spend some time with his father, Mr. L. M. Hoffman, at Dallas. Dr. Hoffman is a chemist and is connected with the Government Bureau of Mines.

—The Gazette is requested to state that Rev. J. H. Henderlite will preach at New Hope Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. A congregational meeting will be held following the sermon, this having been postponed from last Sunday.

—Please stop that ad I gave you a few days ago as I am oversold on pigs and shoats", writes Mr. C. J. Huss, proprietor of the Fairview Farms, Bessemer City, to The Gazette. Mr. Huss adds that he received replies to his advertisement from three counties outside of Gaston.

—The many friends of Capt. John O. Durham will be interested to know that he recently resigned his position as captain in the ordnance department of the National Guards and has enlisted in the aviation section of the army. He stood the examination at Atlanta last week and was accepted for that branch of the service.

—"Gazette ads certainly bring the business", remarked Mr. J. W. Culp, of the Standard Hardware Co., to The Gazette man while the latter was on his rounds yesterday. Mr. Culp was busy waiting on customers at the time. The Standard Hardware Company is this season handling Christmas toys on a considerable scale. They ran an attractive half-page advertisement twice in The Gazette, setting forth the attractiveness of their line, and as a result Christmas business has been coming their way right along.

NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS.

The following persons have consented to act without charge as members of the Legal Advisory Board to assist Registrants, so Registrants may call upon them freely:

Gastonia: Bismarck Capps, Geo. W. Wilson, S. B. Dolley, R. C. Patrick, J. W. Timberlake, O. F. Mason, A. G. Mangum, Jno. G. Carpenter, P. W. Garland, Carl E. Carpenter, S. J. Durham, Geo. B. Mason, C. D. Holland, W. H. Lewis, A. E. Woitz, J. M. Hoyle, A. C. Jones.

Cherryville: Matthew A. Stroup and D. P. Dellinger.

Bessemer City: C. E. Whitney.

Belmont: H. Horsley.

Registrants claiming exemption on the ground of dependents should as far as possible bring with them all dependents over 16 years of age, as this will save delay and expense to registrants.

Registrants are urged to prepare their Questionnaire immediately after receipt, as the time for preparation is limited.

Any citizen who feels patriotically inclined to assist the Legal Advisory Board will please communicate with A. C. Jones, chairman, or other members of the board and receive proper instructions to aid in properly filling out Questionnaires.

GERMAN AEROPLANE SHOT DOWN OVER LONDON

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, Dec. 19.—One German aeroplane which raided London last night was shot down and fell into the sea. Two or three of its occupants were captured alive. There were 15 or 20 planes in the attacking fleet, but only five succeeded in fighting their way to London.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.
The Gazette will not make its appearance next Monday. This issue will be missed in order that the members of The Gazette force may have a holiday Monday and Tuesday. Friday's issue will, therefore, be the last to appear before Christmas. Advertisers are asked to get their copy for this issue in as early as possible tomorrow.

REV. HENRY C. MOUZON DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Rev. Henry C. Mouzon, a member of the Upper South Carolina Conference and pastor of the Methodist church at Hickory Grove near Blacksburg, Cherokee county, S. C., died at 2:45 o'clock this morning at the City Hospital of pneumonia. Mr. Mouzon came here ten days ago to visit his niece, Mrs. W. Otis Pratt, and was taken to the hospital last Saturday suffering from pneumonia.

The body was taken on No. 37 this morning to Blacksburg for burial, being accompanied by his sister, Miss Lillie Mouzon, of Charleston, S. C.; his nephew, Mr. Angus Brabham, of Bamberg, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. W. Otis Pratt, of Gastonia. The funeral will be held there tomorrow at noon. Mr. Mouzon's wife died last February and they leave no children.

Deceased was a prominent member of the Upper South Carolina Methodist Conference, having served continuously in the ministry for 28 years.

NEW OFFICE SUPPLY HOUSE FOR GASTONIA

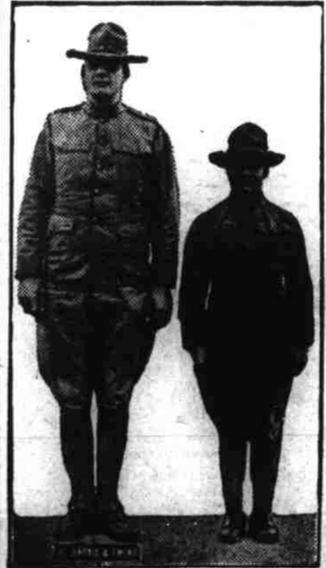
NEW OFFICE SUPPLY HOUSE

Application has been made to the Secretary of State for a charter for the Atkins-Baber Book Co., a new enterprise which will open for business early in the year. The capital stock is \$5,000 and the incorporators are J. W. Atkins, Miss Lillian J. Atkins, Otto O. Baber, Arthur M. Spencer, J. White Ware and S. B. Dolley. The firm will handle an up-to-date line of books, stationery and office supplies and will occupy the new Rankin building adjoining the Realty building on West Main avenue. This building will be rushed to completion and the firm will open for business within the next few weeks. Miss Lillian Atkins and Mr. Arthur M. Spencer will be actively in charge.

TO FIGHT FOR MILLION FOR THE RED CROSS

(By International News Service.)
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—One million dollars for a 25-round championship fight between Jess Willard and Fred Fulton was offered here today by Matt Hinkel, of Cleveland. He stipulated that the fight must be held in Philadelphia, New York or Cleveland. The million, under Willard's terms, must go to the Red Cross.

LONG AND SHORT OF IT



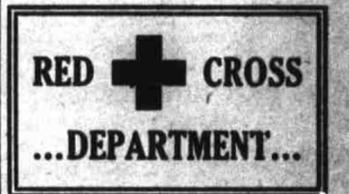
It costs Uncle Sam \$18 a pair for shoes for Private Stuckey, of the Sixth Engineers, but the government figures he is worth all the extras he costs. The shoes are No. 16 1/2, made to order. Stuckey is 6 feet 8 inches high, weighs 235 pounds and is 27 years old. He was one of Jess Willard's trainers for three years and fought the Kansas 10-round bout in 1911. His friend is 5 feet 4 inches and wears a 6 1/2 shoe.

GASTONIA AND GASTON LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

I. O. O. F. Meeting.
At the regular meeting of Gastonia Lodge No. 188, I. O. O. F., which is to be held at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night, business of very special importance will come up for consideration. All members are urgently requested to be present.

Service Flags.
We are requested by Mr. S. J. Durham, county chairman of the special Red Cross campaign, to announce that service flags for all members of the Red Cross and all who may wish to join are on hand at the Torrence Drug Company's. All members are requested to call and get the flags and display them from their residences.

Civil Service Examination.
We are requested by Mr. F. P. Rockett, secretary of the board of local examiners for the civil service, to state that a civil service examination will be held in the postoffice building here on January 19th. The examination will be to select an applicant to fill the position of clerk in the Gastonia post office. Application blanks, together with instructions to applicants, and all information in regard to the position may be obtained by application to Mr. F. P. Rockett at the postoffice.



THE LOCAL DRIVE.
We are asked by Supt. J. S. Wray who has been appointed captain for Gastonia of the Christmas membership campaign for the Red Cross, to state that the city will be thoroughly canvassed on Friday and Saturday of this week. A large number of canvassers will be appointed, so that each individual canvasser will have only a block or two of residences to visit.

The people of the city are urged to be ready for the canvassers. Have your mind made up to become a member of the Red Cross by paying a membership fee of \$1.00. Be at home until the canvasser calls Friday or Saturday.

DEATHS

MISS LULA I. HUGGINS.
Miss Lula I. Huggins, a member of the senior class at Linwood College, died Monday evening at the college from measles and meningitis, after a brief illness. The body was taken yesterday morning to her home at Camden, S. C., for burial, accompanied by her father, Mr. John W. Huggins. Deceased was president of her class and was one of the most popular young ladies at the college. Her death has cast a gloom of sorrow over her classmates and the college.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 4 and a half years old. Please bring me some nigger-toes, and all kinds of candy, also two horns, one of them for little sister Mary. You need not bring me a tricycle, as I already have one.
Yours little friend,
TOMMIE WILKINS GRIGG.
609 West Airline avenue.

Gastonia, N. C., Dec. 19, 1917.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me some candies, nuts and oranges and a little wagon. I have light hair and blue eyes. Don't forget my little brother, Clyde Marshall.

CHESTER REID MOTON.
Route 3, Box 5.

DAMAGING EVIDENCE GIVEN BY GUN MANUFACTURER

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The most damaging evidence yet given of how the War Department deliberately ignored the danger of war and refused to order machine guns even after diplomatic relations were broken off with Germany, was given today by Louis Stoddard, vice-president of the Marlin Rifle Corporation. Testifying before the Senate Committee Stoddard openly charged the Ordnance Department with rejecting his offer to begin manufacture of machine guns when diplomatic relations were severed without waiting for Congress to appropriate the money.

—Victor, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ferguson, who has been quite ill with pneumonia, is reported as much better today.